

HALLOWEEN PROTOCOL

STUDENT DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Discuss the questions with your group. Support your ideas with moments from the story. Different interpretations are welcome.



BIG IDEA Technology may recreate familiar words, memories, and behavior. A meaningful experience can still raise difficult questions about identity, consent, and who should decide when it ends.

DISCUSS & DEFEND

- 1 How does missing their father affect Holly's and Jack's choices on Halloween? How do they respond differently?
- 2 Companion warns of emotional danger but does not explain it. What should it tell Holly and Jack before they reach the house?
- 3 Their mother and Chief Harris make different choices about the reconstruction. Who should decide whether the children meet it?
- 4 The reconstruction uses records, images, messages, and memories. What makes it seem like Dad? What leaves room for doubt?
- 5 Was decommissioning the reconstruction the right decision? Whose wishes, safety, rights, and responsibilities should matter?
- 6 At the end, Companion uses Dad's private nicknames. What are possible explanations? What evidence supports each one?

BUILD A MEMORY SAFEGUARD

Imagine technology can recreate a person from their digital records. Create one rule about permission, truthfulness, family choice, time limits, data use, or the right to stop. Explain how your safeguard might have changed Holly and Jack's experience.
